

Newburyport Jan 26th/54

Friend Higginson

Can you
tell me any thing about the
Emigrants aid society.
My wife and I have been think-
ing for some time that it
might be better for us to
go into some new country;
and perhaps if we could
get to Nebraska or Kansas
we might not only better our
own condition, but do some
good in the cause of ~~the~~
~~the~~ ~~right~~ Freedom.

If you can give me any infor-
mation you will oblige me
much by forwarding it as soon
as convenient.

I am rather loth to trouble you at

this time for I suppose your time
is much occupied just now
with your coming trial. I was
glad you was there had it been
one year ago I would have
been with you, My ^{wife} ~~self~~ longed to
be there as much as myself, but
as we owed a small sum of mon-
ey we felt our cash and time
were not quite our own.

Your arrest created considerable
of a stir amongst the dead
souls that are seen around the
corner of State and Charter streets
about the time of the arrival
of the morning mail.

I went amongst them; there
seemed to be but one opinion ex-
pressed that way, ~~that~~ ~~was~~ as
some one of them expressed him-
self that they gloried in you for
your consistency; I was surprised
to hear those old Hunkers speak of

your acts in terms of praise
they even seemed to think it was
an honour that you had once
lived here.

My Dear Wife wished
me to say to you that she was
glad to feel there was one who
was ^g willing to do as well as
say.

I am as ever yours with the
greatest respect

John A. Mace

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